

melting pot of the United States, it can be easy to overlook these differences, as cultures blend and become more homogenized.

While cultural sensitivity is important, I also recognize the significance that my constituents, and all those who fought in this battle, attach to the name "Chosin." This is the name that evokes images in their minds of relentless cold and even more relentless fighting. I believe their sacrifice has earned them the gratitude of both of our nations and the right to name a mountain in Alaska whatever name they believe will most appropriately honor their fallen comrades. I hope the Korean government, and the people they serve, understand that the sacrifices made by those who have fought and died in the name of freedom are far more meaningful than the origin of the name of a mountain in Alaska.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Matthew Winchester for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew provided several tetherball sets to benefit a local summer youth camp. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Matthew has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,874,859,322,768.40. We've added \$5,247,982,273,855.32 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

On this day in 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We must balance the budget to ensure proper funding for organizations that keep us safe.

HONORING MODESTO POLICE CHIEF MIKE HARDEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Modesto Police Chief Mike Harden, who will be retiring on August 3, 2012, after serving in law enforcement for nearly three decades.

As a teenager, Chief Harden began volunteering as an Explorer; and as soon as he was able, he applied to the police academy. Chief Mike Harden began his career as a patrol officer at Modesto Police Department and, for the last 28 years, has worked his way through the ranks. He served as Assistant Police Chief from November of 2003 to June of 2009, when he was named Acting Chief of Police. His permanent appointment to Chief of Police occurred in February of 2010.

Chief Harden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class, the WestPoint Leadership Program at the Los Angeles Police Department, and California Command College. He has lived in Modesto since 1970 and is a graduate of Modesto's Davis High School.

Harden has committed himself to a focus of sustained crime reduction efforts, especially in the area of gang violence. He set a goal for lower crime rates, which the Department met after he was appointed. Chief Harden instituted several internal changes to the organization to better address the crime and gang violence and attributed critical partnerships with businesses, non-profits, and citizens as a significant key to his successful approach to curbing criminal activity. Chief Harden has done a great job reorganizing the Police Department, delivering positive results for our community while implementing 25-percent reduction in staffing levels.

Modesto's Fallen Officers Memorial wall was erected and dedicated under Chief Harden's leadership. This wall was a community driven effort and honors Modesto officers who died in the line of duty. Chief Harden has also developed a new mission and vision statement focusing on serving the Modesto community with professionalism, pride, and integrity for the Modesto Police Department.

Chief Harden has committed his life to serving the Modesto community every day and has worked diligently to keep its residents and their property safe. Chief Harden has been an outstanding and highly effective Police Chief whose quiet and steady leadership is an excellent example of how to serve others. While his service has been greatly appreciated and will be missed, I am confident that his leadership and example will continue to serve and protect Modesto long into the future.

Chief Harden is married to Lori and they have two children: Brad, a Naval Academy graduate, and their daughter, Lindsey, who is currently attending college at UC Davis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement and the Modesto community by Chief of Police Mike Harden and wishing him continued success in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE MAC- ARTHUR MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS MILITARY HISTORY

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History on the opening of their newest exhibit, "Vietnam: America's Conflict."

I am proud to represent the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, which is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Museum opened to the public in May 2001 and is located in the historic Arsenal Building of the Little Rock Arsenal.

The Arsenal Building was constructed in 1840, and it is the only surviving remnant of the original Little Rock Arsenal and one of central Arkansas's oldest structures.

The future General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, was born in the Arsenal Building while his father, Captain Arthur MacArthur, was stationed in Little Rock.

Through its displays and exhibits as well as its outreach into the community, the MacArthur Museum provides insight into Arkansas's rich military history and tradition—from its territorial period until present.

The Museum stands as a memorial to the proud history and dedication of Arkansas's men and women who served in and supported our nation's armed forces both at home and abroad.

The newest exhibit, "Vietnam: America's Conflict," which will open on Friday, July 27, 2012, will examine the origins and conflicts of the Vietnam war and the contributions our state and its citizens made. It will also honor the 600 gallant Arkansans who lost their lives during the Vietnam war.

The MacArthur Museum stands as a memorial to the brave men and women who, throughout our history, have sacrificed—some making the ultimate sacrifice—out of their desire to serve our Nation. Each visitor, through their presence at the Museum, extends their gratitude and honors these Arkansans.

I congratulate the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History on its opening of this exciting exhibit, and I congratulate the men and women at the Museum who each day preserve Arkansas's proud military history and tradition so that it can be shared by this and future generations. It is an honor to represent you.